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FOR: GRANULES BASED ON STARCH AND LACTOSE.

AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir :

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, the applicant makes the following comments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 10 without prejudice and substitute therefore new claims 11 to 22 as follows:

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11. Granules consisting of co-spray-dried lactose and starch, wherein the lactose/starch ratio is between 90/10 and 25/75, said granules having a friability of less than or equal to 80%, according to a test A.

12. Granules according to Claim 11, having a friability of less than or equal to 60 % according to test A.

13. Granules according to Claim 11, having a spherical structure under electron microscopy.

14. Granules according to Claim 11, wherein the lactose/starch ratio is between 85/15 and 50/50.